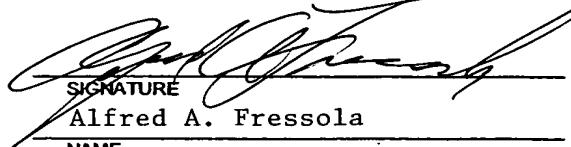


<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>915-006.081</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/IB02/004990</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>November 28, 2002</b>	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>107524007</b> To be assigned
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>Method and Device for Determining and Outputting the Similarity ...</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Wolfgang THEIMER et al.</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ul> </p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ul> </p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ul> </p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98; Form PTO-1449 and references</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). Form PCT/IB/308</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Int'l Search Report; IPER; Written Opinion and Response</p>		

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.414 and 1.491-1.492. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public, which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 15 minutes to complete, including gathering information, preparing, and submitting the completed form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER					
107534007 To be assigned		PCT/IB02/004990		915-006.081					
21. The following fees are submitted:									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee.....		\$300.00		\$ 300.00					
<input type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee.....		\$200.00		\$ 200.00					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee.....		\$500.00		\$ 500.00					
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00									
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.									
Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)		RATE					
- 100 =	/50 =			x \$250.00	\$				
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).									
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		\$				
Total claims	15 - 20 =	0	x \$50.00		\$				
Independent claims	2 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00		\$				
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ \$360.00					
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$ 1,000.00									
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.									
SUBTOTAL = \$ 1,000.00									
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).									
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$									
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property									
+ \$ 40.00									
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$ 1,040.00									
<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Amount to be refunded:</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount to be charged:</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> </table>						Amount to be refunded:	\$	Amount to be charged:	\$
Amount to be refunded:	\$								
Amount to be charged:	\$								
<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ 1,040.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0442. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>DEFICIENCIES ONLY</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>									
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.									
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:									
Alfred A. Fressola									
Ware, Fressola, Van Der Sluys & Adolphson									
Bradford Green, Building 5									
P.O. Box 224, 755 Main Street									
Monroe, CT 06468-0224									
 SIGNATURE Alfred A. Fressola NAME 27,550									
REGISTRATION NUMBER									

## IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

10/534007

REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL  
APPLICATION OF: Wolfgang THEIMER and Andree ROSS

DOCKET OR REFERENCE NUMBER: 915-006.081

ENTITLED: Method and Device for Determining and Outputting the Similarity Between Two Data Strings

Mail Stop PCT  
 To The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NATIONAL STAGE EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

"Express Mail" label number: EV 562515177 US

Date of Deposit: May 5, 2005

I hereby certify that the following attached papers or fee

Transmittal Letter to the U.S. Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)  
 Preliminary Amendment  
 Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney  
 Assignment and Assignment Cover Sheet  
 Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-Form 1449 and references  
 International Search Report  
 IPER  
 Written Opinion and Response to Written Opinion  
 Form PCT/IB/308  
 Check for \$ 1,040.00 for payment of fees  
 Self addressed stamped return postcard

Are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Lissette Ramos

EV562515177US

(Typed or printed name of person mailing paper or fee)



(Signature of person mailing paper or fee)

Each paper letter or communication relating to an international application during the international stage for which a date of filing is to be obtained as of the date of mailing must have its own certificate and the "Express Mail" label number as a part thereof or attached thereto. When, as here, the certification is presented on a separate sheet, that sheet must (1) be signed and (2) fully identify and be securely attached to the paper or fee it accompanies. Identification should include the serial number and filing date of the application as well as the type of paper being filed, e.g. complete application, specification and drawings, responses to rejection or refusal, notice of appeal, etc. If the serial number of the application is not known, the identification should include at least the name of the inventors (s) and the title of the invention.

The label number need not be placed on each page. It should, however, be placed on the first page of each separate document, such as, a new application, amendment, assignment, and transmittal letter or a fee, along with the certificate of mailing by "Express Mail". Although the label number may be on checks, such a practice is not required. In order not to deface formal drawings it is suggested that the label number be placed on the back of each formal drawing or the drawings be accompanied by a set of informal drawings on which the label number is placed.